# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# RURAL DEVELOPMENT
# LOK SABHA

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Bank of Ideas and Innovations (BII)
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether it is fact that a "Bank of Ideas and Innovations" (BII) has been launched to promote innovations in rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this will essentially lead to improving the design, quality and pace of implementation of rural development schemes; and

(d) if so, the complete aims and objectives of this above said initiative?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a) to (d): The Government has launched Bank of Ideas and Innovations (BII) forum on 14th Aug, 2014. The objectives of this forum are to identify, evaluate and promote innovations that help in (a) rapid reduction in poverty; (b) improving the living standards of rural population with focus on rural poor; (c) improve governance systems in rural areas and (d) empower the rural population. A BII portal was created for the purpose of receiving suggestions from the various stake holders. This portal serves as a repository of various successful grass-root innovations selected by the State Rural Livelihoods Missions. It consists of a list of 105 finalists from the Innovation Forums conducted by the State Rural Livelihoods Missions of Bihar and Maharashtra. As the invitation of proposals for innovation did not elicit adequate response, it has been decided that BII working along with the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana − National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) may limit its role to scaling up the field-tested innovation prototypes into common use. Subsequently, all the State Rural Livelihoods Missions (SRLMs) have been advised to partner with any of the 105 finalists by entering into a partnership agreement with them under the DAY −NRLM Partnership norms.

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